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Pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice of August 5, 2003 for U.S. national applications filed after June 30, 2003, the requirement for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each cited U.S. patent application publication as this requirement is waived, copies of the U.S.

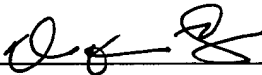
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) Applicant submits that each item of reference contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

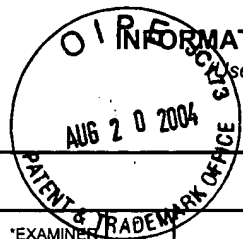
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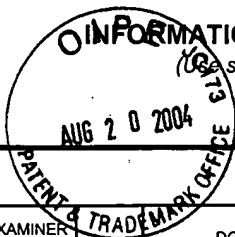
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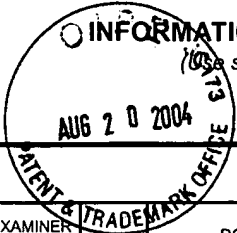
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